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City Council Reviews Several Bills Before Maryland State Legislature

by Barbara Hopkins

In addition to governing the City of Greenbelt, the Greenbelt City Council lends or withholds support to or from county, state or federal legislation that impacts the lives of Greenbelt citizens. At its regular meeting on February 28, council discussed several bills under consideration by state legislators as well as proposed federal budget cuts.

Vehicular Manslaughter

HB 363 would make it a misdemeanor for someone to cause the death of another by operating a vehicle in a criminally negligent manner. Greenbelter Leonie Penney was instrumental in bringing such legislation to the council's attention early on, and the city in the past has supported similar legislation.

Assistant City Manager David Moran said bills with similar intent in prior years have failed and he considers this one "an uphill battle." Though some council-

members thought the bill should be stronger – that is, making the crime a felony rather than a misdemeanor – the vote to support the bill was unanimous.

Highway Lighting

Another bill, HB 906, would set new standards for highway lighting so as to minimize light pollution, use energy-efficient lighting and require shields that focus the beam downward. The need for lighting that fails to meet these standards would have to be proven before being allowed.

Delegate Alfred Carr, a sponsor of the bill, has requested the city's support. A similar bill last year, HB 196, failed to pass the House Environmental Matters Committee by one vote. Though HB 196 has been supported by the Maryland Municipal League (MML), the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), environmental groups and the

City of Hyattsville and other municipal officials, Pepco testified against the bill at a hearing, giving information that Carr called false in an email to Moran.

However, the Pepco testimony led to safety concerns from the county's sheriff and police chief. Such shielded lights, as called for in the legislation, are already in use by Montgomery County, the SHA and other jurisdictions, according to Carr's email.

Council voted unanimously to support the bill.

Foreclosure Fees

Two current bills address the priority of liens to require payment of condominium or homeowners' association fees in a foreclosure and permit an association to file a lien for collection of assessments. HB 631 would make a purchaser in a foreclosure sale jointly liable with the unit

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GHI Board Explores Issues With Upgrades and Pilot Project

by Sue Krofchik

Major items on the agenda for the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) board meeting of February 24 included financing the planned community-wide upgrade and pilot project, the home inspection policy and the policy on hoarding. Also discussed was a request from a member to consider adding electricity to rental garages.

Five motions recommended by the finance committee were passed regarding financial aspects of the upgrade and pilot project. These will be reviewed at the next board meeting and then sent to members, who will have 30 days to comment.

Upgrades not covered by Replacement Reserves will be paid for through grants, loans from lending institutions or loans from GHI reserves. Such GHI loans can be granted for principal and interest or for interest-only. Such principal and interest loan payments will then be included with monthly co-op fees, with such costs then transferring to any new owner, as was done with homes

sold after rehab in the 1980s.

Several conditions will apply to interest-only loans. A 10 percent processing fee will be added to the principal, the loan will have a higher interest rate to offset the cost of using GHI money to cover the loan and the loan will be recorded (giving GHI a lien on the home).

To be eligible for the interest-only loan, a member must have at least 50 percent equity in the home, per its assessed value. This loan must then be paid in full when the unit is sold or if the mutual ownership contract is changed.

Pilot Project

Members participating in the pilot project will begin paying for non-covered upgrades when loan payments for the community-wide upgrade begin or if (and when) GHI might decide not to pursue community-wide upgrades. If a pilot unit has a retrofit not selected for inclusion in the upgrade, it will be removed and replaced with the GHI-approved retrofit.

If a unit has member-initiated upgrades that meet or exceed the

standards of the approved GHI upgrade, replacement may not be necessary. The situation will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

The decision to allow members to opt out of certain upgrades will be made after results of the pilot program have been evaluated. A task force is being formed to make recommendations regarding upgrades to additions.

Home Inspection

The board also discussed home inspection policy, which will be sent to members in draft form as a flyer in the June issue of the GHI newsletter. After allowing members 30 days to comment, the matter will be placed on a board agenda for discussion and action.

GHI is currently in a cycle of inspecting about 300 homes each year, focusing on the status of plumbing, electrical and heating systems and general integrity of the home. The inspection does not include an evaluation of housekeeping practices.

A policy on hoarding is still in draft status and may be presented for another review and action at the next board meeting. Members will receive copies of the draft policy with the June newsletter and will then be given 30 days to submit comments.

"This is an important policy," said one attendee, a member who

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Black History Month

From Hawaii to Maryland Local Man's Active Life

by Altoria Bell Ross

During the height of the Civil Rights Movement one day in 1965, sailor Walter Moody prepared to moor a U.S. Navy ship off the coast of Hawaii. Rather than instructing Moody to toss the A line over the bollard, the captain, using the derogatory term for the thick, low post, told him to "throw it over the nigger head." Instead of accepting the insult, Moody flung the line into the oily waters of the Pacific and stomped off.

Of the 300 sailors, he was one of about nine black men aboard. As such, insults were common. Nevertheless, Moody, 64, has lived uncommonly. The Windsor Green resident has seen a lot of history and has made some, too.

"You had to fight to make things better," he said of his time in the Navy. "I've always spoken



PHOTO BY ALTORIA BELL ROSS

Walter Moody

my mind." But not all was strife. While in the Navy, Moody became a 147-lb. boxing champion. During his tour of duty, Moody and crew monitored the Russian missile shoot landings in the Pacific from Midway Island, now a national wildlife refuge.

Upon receiving an honorable discharge in 1967, Moody traveled back across the ocean as a merchant marine transporting Koreans to three ports in Vietnam to fight with the U.S. in the Vietnam War.

A Cleveland, Ohio, native, Moody went home for a brief time and then enrolled at San Francisco City College, taking classes in black studies, African and Asian history and economics. Moody believed in the Black Panthers Party and "started

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Council Approves Purchase Of Eight New Police Cars

by Barbara Hopkins

Some Greenbelt police officers will soon be driving new Chevrolet Impalas, following Greenbelt City Council approval of the purchase of seven of this model at its regular meeting on Monday, February 28.

The vehicles, which were included in the Fiscal Year 2011 budget, will cost \$164,260. That figure also includes one Chevrolet Tahoe with two-wheel drive for use as a K-9 vehicle. The cars will be purchased from Criswell Chevrolet.

Budget Concerns

Councilmember Edward Putens asked Captain Dan O'Neil, who was present at the meeting, if the vehicles were "desperately needed." Putens said he was looking ahead to the upcoming budget, where the city would be challenged to find ways to save money. City Manager Michael McLaughlin and others said the need for the vehicles had been carefully assessed when they were included in the budget and had been determined a necessary expenditure. He noted that the vehicles they replace had been considered beyond their operating threshold 10 months ago when the new ones were budgeted; now they are 10 months older.

Vehicle Concerns

Putens then asked if all-wheel-drive SUVs would be a better option for winter driving. In response Councilmember Rodney Roberts said such vehicles are not meant for high-speed driving and he did not consider them safe for use as police vehicles.

The two-wheel-drive Tahoe sits lower to the ground, he said, making it safer at high speeds. He also pointed out that four-wheel-drive vehicles are more expensive than those with two-wheel drive. O'Neil said the department already has three mid-sized SUVs with four-wheel drive.

Kelly Ivy addressed council, advocating for purchase of the Tahoe model for all eight replacement vehicles. To do less, he said, would be to "throw good money after bad." He complained about the Chevy Impala in particular, saying many departments do not like it, yet it is the only police vehicle now being made.

He added that the gas mileage difference between the two-wheel-drive Tahoe and the Impala is about 3 mpg and that if the load of equipment carried by

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What Goes On

Monday, March 7

8 p.m., Council Worksession with Franklin Park, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbelt.gov

Thursday, March 10

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes Inc. Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Community Events

Peace Open House At New Deal Café

On Sunday, March 6 at 2:30 p.m. there will be an open house on funding priorities and military spending at the New Deal Café hosted by the Peace & Justice Coalition.

The free event will open with refreshments and informal networking followed by a presentation at 3 p.m. by Jean Athey, coordinator of Montgomery Peace Action. Her presentation will begin with a slide show entitled “The Militarization of America: At What Cost?” produced by Montgomery Peace Action that graphically portrays and critiques the big military-industrial slice of the federal budget pie. She will also describe the Maryland campaign “Fund Our Communities, Bring the War Dollars Home” whose purpose is to channel support for putting military dollars to many alternative uses. Launched last year as part of a national movement, it now involves nearly 40 statewide and community groups in Maryland. More information about the campaign is at www.ourfunds.org. Athey played a lead role in the slide show and in founding the campaign. She will take questions and engage the audience in sharing ideas on how Marylanders with diverse concerns can work together to cut the military budget.

For more information about the open house contact Lucy Duff at justpeacepg@earthlink.net or 301-577-2350.

Send Letters of Love To Encourage Youth

Camp Fire USA’s Patuxent Council is sponsoring a letter-writing campaign to urge adults to write letters of love and appreciation to children of all ages in Greenbelt.

Camp Fire volunteers will be available at the Community Booth in Beltway Plaza Mall on Saturday, March 5 from 1 to 5 p.m. to assist in this effort. Stationery and letter-writing supplies will be available, along with tips for writing caring letters and even sample sentences and sample letters.

The campaign culminates on March 17, which has been declared Absolutely Incredible Kids Day and will be the 15th year of the Camp Fire USA letter writing project.

At the Library

Spring Gardening

Saturday, March 5, 11 a.m., Spring and Summer Plants, presented by the Master Gardeners of Prince George’s County.

Teens

Teen Tech Week: Mix and Match Monday, March 7 and Tuesday, March 8 from 5 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 12 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Ages 13-19 celebrate teen tech by testing their skills with popular games for the Wii including Wii Dance and Guitar Hero.

Bookids

Book Discussion Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. for ages 8 to 12. This month’s book is Blue Balliett’s “The Wright 3.” Read the book, enjoy a fun discussion and share ideas.

Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

*Wednesday, March 9, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

*Thursday, March 10, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 18 to 36 months, limit 15 children.

*Pick up free ticket for the Storytime events at the Information Desk.

GHI Notes

Friday March 4, Offices Closed (Note: Members needing emergency service during closings can call maintenance at 301-474-6011.)

GAIL Workshop

On Monday, March 7 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program will offer a workshop on Living Well through Mid-Life Changes. This is a free workshop for adults. Call Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660 to sign up.

Computer Club Meeting Held

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its March meeting on Thursday, March 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 103.

Everyone is welcome.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club celebrated Valentine’s Day with a lovely potluck lunch featuring red and white decorations and love.

We were pleased to have one of our members on the front page of the News Review – John Henry Jones has been a longtime and very active member of the club. Congratulations to John Henry and thanks to Jim Giese (another member) for writing a terrific article.

Karl Gary will return as our speaker on March 9 and will be talking about photography.

The 54th anniversary luncheon will be at the Hilton Garden Inn on Walker Drive in Greenbelt on April 20. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar.

The brochure for the spring trips is out and available in the office at the Community Center. Drop in and sign up.

That day is lost on which one has not laughed! Come to meetings on Wednesdays and have a few laughs and meet with friends.

GAIL Support Group Meets

On Wednesday, March 9 the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program holds a Caregivers Support Group. The support group meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. The Caregivers Support Group offers support, knowledge and insight from other caregivers in like situations. Call Julia Fran at Greenbelt CARES, 301-345-6660 to sign up. There is no cost for this program.

NARFE Chapter 1122 Monthly Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1122 will hold its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9 at the Greenbriar Community Building, Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway. The speaker will be Nadine Maye, president of SpiritWorks Unlimited, Inc. speaking on Financial Fitness. Membership is not required to attend. For more information or directions call 301 441-1096, ext. 0.

Help Greenbelt Park Remove Invasives

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants. The session will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 5 in the Sweetgum Picnic Area.

This program takes place on the first Saturday of every month. Come rain or shine and wear appropriate clothing, work gloves and bring a lunch or snack. Bring and wear tick repellent.

Greenbelt Park’s entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road. For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

More Community Events
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Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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Adults/Seniors: \$6.50

Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON

ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.

Adults: \$8.50

Students/Military: \$7.50

Children: \$6.00

Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of MAR 4

FRI. – SAT.

Unknown, PG-13 (!!)

11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:30

Hall Pass, R (!)

11:20, 2, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10

Drive Angry, R in 3D

No fees at our location

11:20, 2, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10

Adjustment Bureau, PG-13 (!)

11:20, 2, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10

Rango, PG-13 (!)

11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8, 10:35

Beastly, PG-13 (!)

11:20, 1:20, 3:30, 5:20, 8, 10

Big Momma’s House:

Like Father, Like Son, PG-13 (!)

11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8, 10:35

Gnomeo & Juliet, G

11:20, 1:20, 3:30, 5:20

I Am Number Four, PG -13

8, 10:35

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Unknown, PG-13 (!!)

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Hall Pass, R (!)

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I Am Number Four, PG -13

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MON. – THU.

Unknown, PG-13

1, 4:30, 7:10

Hall Pass, R (!)

12:50, 4:15, 7:15

Drive Angry, R in 3D

No fees at our location

12:50, 4:15, 7:15

Adjustment Bureau, PG-13 (!)

12:50, 4:15, 7:15

Rango, PG-13 (!)

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Beastly, PG-13 (!)

12:40, 2:40, 5:35, 7:45

Big Momma’s House:

Like Father, Like Son, PG-13 (!)

12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8

Gnomeo & Juliet, G

12:40, 2:40, 5:35

I Am Number Four, PG -13

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There are two choices for more information and/or RSVP:
www.mishkantorahsynagogue.org/RSVP
The Mishkan Torah Office (301) 474-4223



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Pancakes, sausage, scalloped

Apples and a good time.

A Free Will Offering will be donated to

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Greenbelt Community Church

Hillside and Crescent Roads



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Coming Soon:
Homespun Ceilidh Band - April 8
The Burial at Thebes - April 29 - May 21

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Obituaries

James H. Williams

James H. Williams, 81, former Greenbelt Police Chief, died in Collegeville, Pa., on February 25, 2011, at the Phoenixville Hospital in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Williams was born on September 30, 1929, in Frederick, Md. He was a son of the late Patrick H. and Ruth (Richter) Williams. He grew up in Greenbelt and was a 1948 graduate of Greenbelt High School. He served as police chief for Greenbelt from May 15, 1957 to June 15, 1962.

He retired in 1985 from the US Department of Agriculture in King of Prussia, Pa., where he was a criminal investigator. During his retirement, Mr. Williams was a driver for Romano's School Bus Service, Inc., Plymouth Meeting, Pa., and Sir Speedy Printing, King of Prussia.

Mr. Williams was a member of Lower Providence Presbyterian Church where he was a former deacon. He and his wife enjoyed square dancing and were members of the Perky Promenaders, Lansdale and Norristown, Pa., and the former King Squares Club, Wayne, Pa.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary Alice (Stitt) Williams, of Collegeville; his children: Patrick D., husband of Gina (Goeren) Williams, Columbia, Md.; Luci M. Williams, W. Norriton Township; Julie W., wife of Keith Leshner, Skippack, Pa.; and John L. Williams, at home; his grandchildren Matthew Williams, Daniel Williams, Dylan Boccella and Payton Boccella; and his sister, Elizabeth Repp, Middleburg, Md. He was preceded in death by his siblings Rev. Robert Williams, Naomi Brooks and J. Paul Williams.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 5 at Lower Providence Presbyterian Church. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Lower Providence Presbyterian Church, 3050 W. Ridge Pike, Norristown, PA 19403-1581. Arrangements by Holcombe Funeral Home, Inc., Trappe, PA.

Refuge System Birthday Bash

On Saturday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Patuxent Research Refuge will celebrate the birthday of the National Wildlife Refuge System. See live animals close up, including performances by Reptile World. There will be children's activities and crafts. No registration is required for this free event at the National Wildlife Visitor Center at the refuge.

The visitor center is located at 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop in Laurel. For more information call 301-497-5763 or visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov>.

Senior Monthly Movie Is Sting

The next free senior monthly movie at the Greenbelt Senior Center, The Sting, will be shown on Monday, March 14 from 1 to 3 p.m.

After rookie grifter Johnny Hooker (Robert Redford) tracks down veteran flim-flam man Henry Gondorff (Paul Newman) in 1930s Chicago, the duo plans to fleece a homicidal racketeer (Robert Shaw) through a phony racetrack scam involving a string of double and triple crosses. The 1973 film picked up seven Academy Awards, including Oscars for Best Picture, Best Directing (George Roy Hill) and Best Original Screenplay (David S. Ward).

This movie will be shown in the Community Center Senior Lounge, Room 111. For more information call 301-397-2208.

Bereavement Group To Start Next Week

Six weekly sessions of a mutual support group for widowed men and women to help them to adjust to their new circumstances will begin Thursday, March 10. The sessions will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Residence on Greenbelt (formerly Rexford Place), 9885 Greenbelt Road in Lanham.

Trained volunteers lead support sessions which provide both emotional support and practical information. Patuxent Widowed Persons Service (PWPS) offers this program, which is co-sponsored by AARP and the Greenbelt Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

The sessions are free; pre-registration is required. For more information and to register call Leonie at 301-441-8943 or Kathleen at 301-474-6892.



We were sorry to hear of the death on February 26, 2011, of James (Jim) Williams, 81, of Collegeville, Pa., who was Greenbelt police chief from May 1957 to June 1962. Jim grew up in Greenbelt and was a 1948 graduate of Greenbelt High School. Funeral services will be held in Pennsylvania.

Condolences to the family and friends of attorney William J. Kellaher, Jr., 79, a pioneer Greenbelter, who died February 15, 2011. He was the older brother of the late Gene Kellaher of Lakewood, brother-in-law of Joanne Kellaher and uncle of city employees Frank and Danny Kellaher.

Congratulations to:

- Rhonda D. Smillie of Pinecrest Court, who was promoted to the rank of colonel in the United States Army.
- Alice C. Murphy, who was named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the fall semester.
- Greenbelt's Congressman Steny Hoyer, who was recognized by the nonpartisan League of Conservation Voters with a 100% rating for his votes on environmental, public health and energy votes promoting good environmental and energy policies. The group awarded a perfect score to 86 members of Congress, while 74 members scored 0.

Best of luck to the students from schools serving Greenbelt (Eleanor Roosevelt and Goddard French Immersion) in the Destination ImagiNation Tournament Saturday, March 5 at Charles Herbert Flowers High School.

Email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

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Join us around a table where all are welcome!

Services

• Sundays
8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)
10 a.m. main service
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

• Wednesdays
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

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Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service
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Service of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion 12:15 & 7:00 p.m.
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10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield
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Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.
For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
Conservative and Reconstructionist

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS
Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Equality between men and women is conducive to the abolition of warfare for the reason that women will never be willing to sanction it. Mothers will not give their sons as sacrifices upon the battlefield after twenty years of anxiety and loving devotion in rearing them. (Abdu'l-Baha)
Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

On Thursday, March 3 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. The weekly open microphone night for music, poetry, prose, storytelling and comedy is from 7 to 9 p.m. The Spanish Conversation Group holds its weekly sessions from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

On Friday, March 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. pianist John Guernsey plays lively jazz and blues notes (every Friday and Saturday). From 8 to 11 p.m. the Ren Rick Band plays soulful, bluesy “rocks-your-socks-off music” with singer Ren Rick, a.k.a. Janis Joplin.

Saturday, March 5 the TV John Variety Show features guest songwriters Zac Quintana and Jeff Thorpe playing folk, American, acoustic music on guitar from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Classical guitarist Bruce Kritt plays from 4 to 6 p.m. The evening entertainment (for Karim’s birthday) is the Starlight Shimmy belly dancers who will perform from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, March 6 the weekly Sign Language Brunch Discussion group meets in the Café front room from 10:30 to noon, while Jim Stimson plays classical lute in the back room from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. From 5 to 8 p.m. Double Felix will play acoustic folk and rock.

Next Week

Tuesday, March 8 is Johnny Cash night with Greenbelter Rob Petrie and the Cold Hard Cash band from 7 to 9 p.m. On Wednesday, March 9 The Stick Mob acoustic quintet plays bluegrass/Americana music from 7 to 9 p.m. The Steam Theory plays instrumental progressive rock from 8 to 11 p.m., on Friday, March 11. Saturday, March 12 features Rio Garage playing Brazilian jazz from 8 to 11 p.m. On Sunday, March 13 Jack Couldn’t Make It entertains with old-time folk music from 5 to 8 p.m.

For more information call 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.

GCAN Meeting Dual Focus: Youth, EPA

The next Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9 from 7 to 9:15 p.m. in Room 114 at the Community Center.

The first major issue at the meeting is in preparation for the Powershift Conference in April; the group will focus on the next generation of activists. There will be a panel of young speakers from local public schools, the University of Maryland, Camp Fire USA and the Greenbelt Girl Scouts (who recently received a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation).

The second is a legislative update and brainstorming session to defend the EPA and the Clean Air Act. GCAN says the Clean Air Act is one of the most successful, cost effective and popular pieces of environmental legislation ever passed and has protected the public from airborne pollutants for 40 years. Legislators need to hear from supporters of the Clean Air Act in response to current efforts that threaten to weaken the Act and block action on climate change.

For more information contact Lore Rosenthal at lore@simplicity-matters.org or 301-345-2234.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR MARCH 7-11

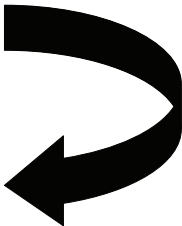
Monday, March 7 at 8pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** with **Franklin Park** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming from www.greenbeltmd.gov.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

KEEP YOUR TAXES AT HOME!

When filling out your State Income Tax this year, please make sure to specify GREENBELT as your local government. This will assure that a portion of your taxes stays in Greenbelt.

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OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING		2010 ENDING	
Landlord's Name	Landlord's Address	Landlord's City	Landlord's State
Tenant's Name	Tenant's Address	Tenant's City	Tenant's State
Tenant's First Name	Tenant's Last Name	Tenant's Address	Tenant's City
Resident Address (You and spouse)		City or Town	State
City or Town		State	Zip Code
Name of owner and decedent (if any, or if decedent, name of estate) (Do not include on the last day of the taxable period, see instructions.)		Marital Status	GREENBELT



75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The celebration of the City’s 75th Anniversary will occur in 2012. Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on this volunteer planning committee. For information call 301-474-8000.

Register for Greenbelt Alert and have emergency alerts sent to you via text or email. Sign up at:
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AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM FOR DRIVERS 50 AND OVER

Friday, March 25th 12:30pm-5:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center

The AARP program is the nation’s first and largest driver classroom course designed especially for drivers aged 50 and older, but licensed drivers of all ages may participate.

Course completion helps drivers refine existing skills and develop safe driving strategies in today’s challenging driving environment.

This class is sponsored by the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) The cost for this class is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. To register, or for more information, call the GIVES office at **301-507-6580** between 10am and noon or 1 and 3pm., Monday through Friday. Payment may be made by check or money order only.

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Make sure to visit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook for the latest information on adoptable pets.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Greenbelt Middle School Task Force
For information call 301-474-8000.

SUSTAINABLE GARDENING FORUM

SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH
10:00am-2:00PM

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Learn how to create an attractive environment that is in balance with the local climate and requires minimal resource inputs such as fertilizer, pesticides and water.

TOPICS INCLUDE: Evaluating your Garden, Plant Needs, Using Natural Design, Encouraging Wildlife.

This program is sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and is **FREE** to the public. You must register. This may be done on-line through Reclink. You may access Reclink by using the QUICKLINK on the left hand side of the Greenbelt CityLink home page at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Info: 301-474-8004.

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Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road



IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR SPRING CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

The Greenbelt Recreation Department offers a wide variety of classes and programs. You may register for most of these classes, online using Greenbelt Reclink. Follow the link from the Greenbelt CityLink home page at www.greenbeltmd.gov. You may browse the classes through Reclink, or download the Recreation Activity Guide from www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation.

There are still openings in **SPRING CAMPS**, and **SUMMER CAMP** sessions are filling quickly. The Camp Programs brochure is also available from Greenbelt CityLink and fillable registration forms are provided.

ALSO...the **Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC)** will begin its Spring Session registration on Monday, March 7th for Residents and Passholders, and on March 9th for anyone else. Register in person at the GAFC 101 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Classes are listed in the Recreation Activity Guide. **Not sure which class to register for?** Pre-Evaluation: March 5, 9am – noon at GAFC. You may turn in your registration forms that day.

LET THE GAFC KNOW HOW THEY ARE DOING!
PICK UP AN EVALUATION SURVEY AT THE CENTER OR TAKE THE SURVEY ON LINE.
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owner for up to six months of the unpaid fees.

HB 1246 establishes a lien priority for up to six months of such fees, giving the lien for association assessments priority over a first mortgage in some circumstances. Councilmember Edward Putens introduced a motion to support both bills, which was passed unanimously without discussion, though a comment was heard that associations in Greenbelt East would be glad to see the bills enacted.

Speed Monitoring

Currently the law requires a sworn police officer to review and certify speed camera violations. HB 664/SB 671 would allow a trained, authorized agent, including city employees and contract employees, as well as police officers, to issue such certification. Mayor Judith Davis said MML supports this legislation with an amendment, however, that the authorized agent must represent the municipality and not the speed camera vendor. Council agreed to support the legislation with that amendment.

Electricity Aggregation

HB 987 would repeal current law preventing a county or municipality from acting as an electric aggregator unless the Public Service Commission makes a specified determination. The city council has for some time supported such legislation. Again, Putens offered a motion immediately and it was passed without discussion.

More information about these and other state bills may be found at <http://mlis.state.md.us>, clicking on the Bill Information and Status button and entering the bill number into the query box.

Federal Program Cuts

Climate Communities, a coalition of cities and counties aiming to educate federal policymakers “about the essential role of local governments in addressing climate change and

promoting a strong local-federal partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions” (according to their website), seeks support from local governments for federal sustainability programs.

Among these are the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants and the Clean Cities program from the Department of Energy; the Environmental Protection Agency’s Climate Showcase Communities initiative, HUD’s Sustainable Communities initiative; the Department of Transportation’s Transportation Investing Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program, which supports public transportation projects and various transportation infrastructure projects; and the Economic Development Assistance Global Climate Change Mitigation Incentive Fund of the Department of Commerce.

Climate Communities calls funding for these programs, which it considers critical, investments that create new jobs, more livable communities, provide energy and financial savings and reduce carbon emissions.

Davis said the city depends on such programs to accomplish things. She made the motion herself to send a letter of support to Congressional delegates; Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan provided a second.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked to send a letter requesting cuts in funding for highway projects but Davis asked for names of specific projects. One suggestion was to cut the proposed million-dollar study to be conducted on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Councilmember Leta Mach suggested that council discuss transportation cuts at its next meeting after obtaining more information on the proposed programs to be cut. Council agreed and the motion to comply with the request from Climate Communities was unanimously approved.

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is a court liaison, “not only for health and safety but also for relations between neighbors.” She felt a policy on hoarding that allows people other than members to report possible hoarding situations would protect neighbors from being placed in adversarial positions.

Another member agreed with the need for a policy but did not want one allowing neigh-

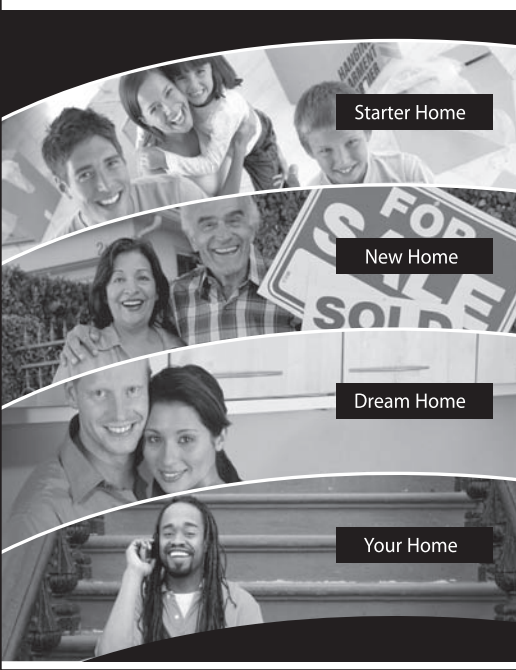
bors to “rat out” neighbors using vague or speculative charges. She hoped members would be required to base suspicions of hoarding on facts, observations or evidence-based concerns.

Garage Electricity

The issue of adding electric service to rental garages, which would allow use of all-electric vehicles, was raised by member Christopher Shuman. Among


issues discussed was the fact that not all members have rental garages.

Board member Ed James will work with Shuman to assess members’ interest and to investigate possible city plans for accommodating electric cars. Such cars are currently in limited supply and it is believed no one in Greenbelt at this time has an all-electric car.



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The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee annual membership meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23 at the Community Center. Elections will take place and the budget for the coming year will be approved at the meeting. All are invited.

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

February 20, 8:06 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road, a man approached a food delivery person and forcefully took the food that was being delivered. The suspect is described as a black male, 18 to 20 years old, 5'11" to 6'1" tall, weighing 160 to 180 pounds and wearing all dark clothing.

February 24, 4:05 p.m., unit block Crescent Road, three males forced their way into a person's apartment, displayed weapons and took several items. There are no definitive descriptions for the suspects.

DWI Arrest

February 20, 2:54 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Kenilworth Avenue, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol, among other charges after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Vandalism

February 18, 2:38 p.m., an apartment window was reported broken.

February 23, 2:36 p.m., 8400 block Canning Terrace, a resident man was arrested and charged with malicious destruction of property after vandalizing a picnic table. He was released on citation pending trial. Also, a resident youth was petitioned for malicious destruction of property and possession of drug paraphernalia. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the

Department of Juvenile Services.

February 24, 4:16 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive, an apartment window was reported broken.

Burglary

February 18, 1:33 p.m. 7900 block Mandan Road, electronics and a handgun were among the items reported taken.

February 21, 10:48 a.m., 100 block Westway, jewelry and electronic were reported taken.

February 22, 12:07 p.m., 100 block Westway, it was reported that a vacant unit was broken into.

Vehicle Crimes

A gray 2010 Toyota Camry with New Jersey tags was taken from the 9100 block Springhill Court.

A Maryland tag, stolen at Greenway Center, was recovered by Falls Church police. One arrest was made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 9100 block Springhill Lane (car stereo); 7200 block Mandan Road (laptop); 9100 block Edmonston Road (registration card); 100 block Westway (car stereo); 8400 block Canning Terrace (laptop); and 200 block Lakeside Drive (iPod, camera). Attempted thefts were reported at 200 block Lakeside Drive and 100 block Westway (two incidents).

Broken vehicle windows were reported at 6000 block Springhill Drive, Springhill Court at Edmonston Terrace and 100 block Westway.

Police Well Regarded According to Survey

The Greenbelt Police Department has recently released results of its 2010 Citizen Attitude and Opinion Survey. During the past year the department had asked for responses from 480 people (40 a month) who had been randomly selected from among persons stopped for minor traffic violations or who had contacted the department to report an incident. The survey's purpose was two-fold: to provide a report card on how officers had interacted with the public and to enable those in contact with the police an opportunity to voice concerns about the department or issues within the community.

The department received only 94 responses (20%), however. Nevertheless, the report states that "while not scientific, the survey is a legitimate tool to assess how the department is serving the community."

For the most part, respondents indicated a positive attitude toward the department. All found the officers contacted to have demonstrated a professional demeanor; 95% reported that communications specialists who handled their call had been polite. (Communications personnel can be necessarily abrupt when a call comes in during a police emergency.)

Of all respondents, 83% had a positive opinion of the police officer involved and 87% had a positive opinion of the department. In a 2009 survey, 81% had had a positive opinion of the officer and 79% of the department.

Respondents who contacted the department to report an incident were even more positive about the competence of police personnel and the overall performance of the department, 92% finding these attributes to be above average. As might be expected, not as many of those who had been involved in a traffic stop by Greenbelt Police were left with as positive an experience. Still, 75% of those had had a positive impression of the officer involved and 76% had had a positive impression of the department. Only 30% of those stopped received a citation; 63% received warnings and 7% received repair orders.

Comments

Some respondents (21) commented about safety or security concerns, ranging from "overall, everything is OK," to "I am concerned for my safety in the streets and in my home. My car has been broken into three times, my car has been stolen one time, my GPS stolen one time, my garden hose one time and my bike in the rear of the house."

Thirteen responded to a request for comments, suggestions or recommendations. They ranged from, "The Greenbelt Department does a great job," to, "I gave the officer potential suspects and motives but the officer never returned any of my calls, never called with follow up information or never returned any messages left for him."

— James Giese

Spring Fills the Warm Air, Gardens around City Bloom



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

Garden Club Plot Meeting Is March 24

The Greenbelt Community Garden Club Annual Garden Plot Assignment Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Current Community Garden Club members are asked to attend. Those unable to attend

should contact their garden coordinator in advance of the meeting to indicate an interest in continuing membership and to pay dues. Non-members who are Greenbelt residents interested in a garden plot should attend the meeting.

For information contact Susan Barnett at susnbarn@earthlink.net.

Proposed Improvements for Greenbelt Park

The National Park Service, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, has initiated an Environmental Assessment to analyze the potential impacts of proposed improvements to the Main Entrance Road, Park Central Road, Sweetgum Picnic loop and Laurel Picnic Area. The improvements would include rehabilitation of the roadways, parking lots, guardrails and drainage structures. One alternative under consideration involves the replacement of an existing double culvert with a bridge over Still Creek. The proposed activities may include temporary road clo-

sures and detours within the park.

The public is invited to comment on the scope and potential impacts of this project. The project information can also be viewed online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/parkHome.cfm?parkID=184>.

Written comments will be accepted for consideration until March 28.

For more information contact Richelle Ellis, FHWA Environmental Project Specialist at 703-404-6333, Richelle.Ellis@dot.gov or Christina Snyder, Project Manager NPS/DSC at 202-619-6392, Christina_Snyder@nps.gov.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

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many officers were factored in, the difference might be even less.

Mayor Judith Davis thanked Ivy for his opinion and then proceeded to call for a vote on the motion already on the table to approve the purchase. McLaughlin had said earlier in the discussion that March 2 would be the cut-off for ordering the vehicles, since General Motors will be retooling its factory for next year's production and would not be able later to provide the automobiles. Council unanimously approved the purchase, although Putens noted he had done so reluctantly.

Harp 46 Concert

As part of its Cultural Connections series, the College Park Arts Exchange will present a free concert by Harp 46 on Friday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road in College Park.

For more information email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013.

DCH Sleep Center Holds Open House

The Sleep Center at Doctors Community Hospital (DCH) will hold a free open house Tuesday, March 8 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. during National Sleep Awareness Week in the North Building directly behind the hospital at 8100 Good Luck Road in Lanham. The open house will offer free opportunities for the public to learn about the benefits of adequate sleep and the consequences of sleep problems and disorders.

Open house activities include facility tours, sleep study demonstrations, sleep disorder screenings and pressure checks for existing CPAP machine users.

In addition, the open house will provide free materials from the National Sleep Foundation and American Academy of Sleep Medicine. These include a sleep self-test, sleep fact sheets and a sleep diary to track sleep habits and identify potential problems as well as brochures about sleep apnea, sleep hygiene, snoring and other topics.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information call 301-552-7993.



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Questions to be studied:

- Division of maintenance responsibilities
- Pros and cons of program
- How will components such as plumbing and electrical be funded?
- Should addition maintenance costs be included in co-op fees?
- Should the Addition Maintenance Program be disbanded?

Anyone interested in serving should complete

A GHI Volunteer Interest Form

Available on line at www.ghi.coop/Volunteer.htm

Or from the Member Services Office

Submit completed form to the GHI office by

Monday, March 7, 2011.

Brainstorming Session Held On Sustainability for City

by Melanie Lynn Griffin

Energy and enthusiasm ran high among more than 20 attendees at a sustainability event at the Greenbelt Community Center on February 9. A well-stocked refreshment table was not getting much attention as people seemed more interested in lively conversation than in brownies and cookies.

Megan Hughes invited the group to participate in mobile sustainability planning as she gestured at colleagues stationed around the room. Standing before large sheets of yellow paper tacked to the walls, about half a dozen members and supporters of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) stood ready to gather input on topics ranging from transportation to waste reduction to land use.

“You don’t have to be experts,” Hughes said. “If you flush toilets, take the trash out or go to work or school, you have ideas.” Participants gathered into small groups and began to move from station to station whenever a bell jingled to urge them on.

This creative brainstorming event was a first for GreenACES, which has grown out of the city’s recycling advisory committee. The committee has been charged with developing recommendations for a comprehensive sustainability plan for the City of Greenbelt.

After several years of regular meetings, the group is now emphasizing community outreach, according to Matt Berres. Sporting the GHI cap he wears for his day job as head of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Maintenance Department, Berres said the GreenACES team wants to involve nonprofits, businesses, community associations and other stakeholders.

Stakeholders Input

If those present that night are any indication, GreenACES will have plenty of input from stakeholders. The decibel level rose throughout the room as ideas freely flowed. Talk of growing food in Greenbelt’s public spaces, building more sidewalks and doing away with plastic bags and bottles mixed with larger discussions of habitat protection plans, weatherization programs and fleets of hybrid vehicles.

Common themes within each of the environmental challenges were the importance of working with local merchants and the need for public education, particularly beyond GHI. “Other homeowner associations aren’t as good at communicating with residents,” opined one participant.

Another common theme was the potential for working with houses of worship. Encouraging religious leaders to “green their sanctuaries” and to distribute energy-efficient devices was put on the list, as was turning church yards into organic community gardens.

Lists on the yellow sheets grew as the evening progressed: “zero waste generation; curbside compost pickup; grow mushrooms in the forest; and shared commercial parking lots.” Wandering between Water and Food Production, conversations ranged from, “I don’t even know what stormwater management is – just write erosion and gullies,” to, “the good news about global warming is that soon we’ll be able to grow pecan trees up here.”


At the transportation station,

talk of bicycles, overpasses and sidewalks gave way to a conversation about neighborhood relations. “How can we best connect all of the neighborhoods of Greenbelt?” asked one man.

The evening itself seemed to be contributing to that goal, as several members of the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition circulated from station to station, meeting neighbors and publicizing their upcoming conservation trainings.

“I’m encouraged to see Greenbelt East so well represented here,” said Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan, who attended the event. “It’s exciting to see GreenACES moving ahead.”

The evening was hosted by the Greenbelt Climate Action Network, which will host upcoming meetings on youth engagement, food sheds and interfaith activities. For information email Lore@simplicity-matters.org.



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working to make a change.” He joined the party in an informal capacity since the official membership books had closed by 1970.

From the national party distribution center on Fillmore Street, Moody ran a printing press, disseminated materials including the newspaper, fundraised and served as liaison between the party and the Soledad defense team hired to represent three black inmates accused of murdering a white prison guard at California’s Soledad Prison.

Returned Home

When members of the party whom Moody knew began getting killed and going missing, he decided to return home to continue his grassroots work. At an East Cleveland church, Moody, a parish worker, helped members

of the community pay their rent, keep the lights on and accompanied them to court.

He expanded his reach at the People’s Church by counseling young people about the dangers of drugs and as a substitute teacher in the Cleveland public schools by publishing a pamphlet on the topic. Moody also contributed to the Community Action Against Addiction.

In the 1980s Moody moved to the Washington area for teacher training that eventually lost funding; it was here that Moody’s grassroots experience was useful in reducing the minority undercount as a community service specialist at the Census Bureau.

In addition to his community outreach work, Moody managed D.C.’s Watergate Hotel, the Psy-

chiatric Institute and the Martin Luther King Library as a building engineer.

Retiring from the latter in 2008 has allowed Moody to renew his activism by campaigning for now-Greenbelt Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan and reaching out to the community on behalf of Prince George’s Councilmember Will Campos.

Moody and his wife of 34 years, Pamela, have three grown children: Imani, a former Peace Corp volunteer in Kenya; Robin, a Philadelphia Art Institute graduate now prospective realtor; and Malik, who produces at the National Geographic. His family is very important to him as is the ability to use his voice to improve the community.

“Politics” he says, “is part of my life blood.”

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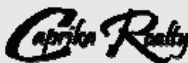
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Elementary School Teacher Receives Board Certification

by Shane Doyle

While most people would consider keeping a room full of kids under control a feat in itself, elementary school teachers actually try to keep them well behaved and teach them.

But in addition to their difficult day jobs, some teachers also take on the arduous task of getting certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) – teachers like Greenbelt Elementary School’s Stephanie Katz.

“We are proud to have [Katz] as part of our staff,” said Greenbelt Elementary School Principal Kimberly Seidel, who is also certified by the NBPTS. “The certification process is very rigorous. It’s meant to set you apart,” Seidel said.

In 2010 Katz became the second teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School to be certified, making her one of 246 elite educators in Prince George’s County who have achieved this level of certification, according to the National Board Certified Teacher-Leadership Development Office for Prince George’s County Public Schools.

Requirements

Over the course of a year Katz was required to complete a knowledge assessment, videotape some of her lessons and write four papers – each at least 12 pages long – about her teaching and her impact as an educator. According to the NBPTS website, Katz’s work was then assessed by at least 12 intensively trained



Stephanie Katz

teachers who were looking for “evidence of accomplished teaching” based on NBPTS standards.

“I spent like every weekend [writing] at Panera,” said Katz, who hopes the hard work will pay off by making her students’ parents more confident about their children’s education.

Born in Orlando, Fla., Katz has been teaching at Greenbelt Elementary for nine years. Currently she teaches the fourth grade. Even though she now finds herself among the ranks of the nation’s top educators, Katz admits that she did not always want to be a teacher. What she says started her down the teaching path was a volunteer position at an elementary school in her home state.

“It was just fun. It didn’t really seem like work,” Katz said of the volunteer experience, attributing her affinity for teaching to a naturally helpful personality.

Katz says she likes teaching young children because “they’re capable of learning something new basically every moment of the day.” Katz also said she likes fourth graders specifically because “most of them still love their teacher.”

Katz is engaged to be married in the fall, after which she will be known to her students as Mrs. Sheiman. And while spelling Sheiman may be harder for a 9-year-old than Katz, her students will have one of the few National Board certified teachers in the county to help them sort it out.

GMS Hosts Community Center Art Show

by Anne Gardner

Walking through the hallways of the Community Center is a colorful experience this week, thanks to a vibrant display of artwork by 7th and 8th grade art students from Greenbelt Middle School (GMS). With the help of a grant from the Greenbelt Advisory Committee for Education (ACE), art teacher Angie Robinson and her students created and displayed about 100 pictures on the theme “Artist Inspired Works.” They held an opening reception at the Community Center on Tuesday, February 24.

During the fall, students researched artists and art movements such as Impressionism, Expressionism, Surrealism, Cubism and Pop Art. They then developed their own pieces of art, reflecting their own styles as well as the style they had researched. The result is eye-catching and shows a lot of talent and creativity.

The program given out on opening night urges viewers to experience and reflect on each student piece and to notice how it reflects aspects of each art movement but also shows something of the student because “art is as personal as the person who makes it.”

The art department at the school is very active, offering field trips to art museums every semester and running a popular after-school art club. School staff are excited about giving the wider Greenbelt community a chance to see the students’ artwork at this exhibit.

The artwork will be on display at the Community Center through March 9.



Greenbelt Middle School students Daniel Torres, Rodrigo Molina, Alondra Gomez and Assiatu Bantama, with art teacher Angie Robinson (center), show off their artwork at the Community Center Art Show.

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